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A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. Monthly meeting of the IAC Roundtable on language training was held in the FSI on 27 September. Present were Sollenberger and Hamilton of the FSI, [redacted] of NSA, Benoit of USIA, Col. Saylor and Clayton Dawson of the Air Force, and [redacted] of CIA. The customary informal exchange of information on training activities, materials, plans, and personnel took place. For CIA, [redacted] concluded arrangements with NSA for Thai training, and negotiated a space in an Air Force Japanese course. 25X1A9a 25X9A8 25X1A9a

The Air Force offered spaces in language courses (1) at Georgetown in German (Jan), Serbo-Croatian (Jan), Swedish (7 Oct), Saudi-Arabic (Jan), Iraqi-Arabic (Apr), and Syrian-Arabic (Apr), and (2) at the FSI in French (Nov), and Turkish (Jan), and (3) at Syracuse in Bulgarian (Dec), Polish (Jan) and Serbo-Croatian (Jan).

The FSI offered spaces in Hindi, Urdu, Turkish, Persian, Chinese, Indonesian, Vietnamese, Czech, French, Hungarian, Polish, German and Serbo-Croatian (all 4 Nov to 30 June), in Cambodian (Feb), and in Housa (date undetermined).

USIA offered spaces in an out-of-hours course in Korean.

Sollenberger reported that beginning on 30 September, all three new language training centers would be in action at Frankfurt, Nice and Mexico City. [redacted] proposed that the Roundtable consider developing one course in Swahili as an activity of common concern that no one agency could operate economically. NSA offered a linguist for the course, and CIA indicated a willingness to consider providing an informant. Sollenberger proposed continuing exchange of all newly-published texts, and presented three recent FSI publications to each agency representative. Next meeting will be at NSA on 25 October. 25X1A9a

2. Semi-final arrangements were completed to meet FDD's request for "basic grammar review" for three persons. Development of these arrangements, with a view to providing best suitable training at minimum cost, had involved three federal agencies, five principal components of CIA and possibly as many as twenty people. At this point, FDD changed the specifications to a "comprehensive course" as available at Georgetown, and the preparatory work for FDD

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became useless. The activities involved in development of ways of meeting this type of seemingly simple "special requirement" are not unusual. The frequency of subsequent modification of specifications or of withdrawal of students after all arrangements have been completed is so considerable, however, that we are trying to devise a method to help customers make up their minds before they involve us in elaborate development activities. 25X1A9a

3. Our effort to combine the needs of [redacted] and four persons from WH for Portuguese have failed because, when the course was finally arranged and scheduled in accord with previous WH specifications, it turned out that two of the WH candidates cannot be made available until late November. 25X1A9a The FSI, however, will handle [redacted] on an individual basis, beginning Monday, 7 October. We now are trying to develop the best plan for handling the WH candidates. 25X1A9a While the number of candidates satisfies our minimum and [redacted] much desires to teach this course, we are endeavoring to satisfy this requirement at the FSI and/or NLS.

4. Interviews of six candidates for language training to be considered by non-scheduled panels on 2 October are being conducted. Languages are German, Polish and Czech.

5. The first offering of the Integrated Language/Area Study-Germany, scheduled to begin 14 October, has been cancelled. Although the proposed course was warmly approved by such divisions as EE and OSI, only one candidate was available for the scheduled date. 25X9A8 The course will be offered again in March 1958.

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6. [redacted] Deputy Chief, Language Intelligence and Area Training, NSA, visited [redacted] chiefly in order to introduce [redacted] who has been named Chief of their new Special Courses Branch, concerned mainly with area training. 25X9A8

25X1A 7. [redacted] #7 has an enrollment of 25 students including 8 dependents. The Visual Aids Section deserves special mention for its prompt production of an illuminated map of Western Europe for use during the regular color slide presentation. This map, which utilizes the "black light" technique, helps the audience to associate the slides on various parts [redacted] and neighboring 25X1A countries with the "locational orientation" instruction received earlier in the week. We consider that the map makes a striking impression. 25X1A9a

8. [redacted] reports that the Chinese 101 course in the Voluntary Language Training Program has been split into two classes, since the enrollment of 10 students was considered too large for effective instruction. 25X1A9a At the suggestion of [redacted] the two instructors now alternate in teaching the classes. One instructor, a native speaker, concentrates on drill, the second instructor works on grammar, reading and writing. These Chinese classes, which are part of the Summer 1957 Trimester, end on 22 Nov 57. 25X1A9a

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